## MONTANA DEPT. NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

# From the Ground Up: Montana Women in Agriculture



## INTERVIEW EXCERPTS

## Pauline Webb, 93 Broadwater County Rancher

#### On the role of women in agriculture:

"I like the leadership of a good man, but it takes a good woman to stand behind him to encourage him to go on; just like we all need—encouragement. Anything I could do, I would do for my husband. When he needed help to pull a calf, I helped. It just takes a good woman behind a good man to make it work."

#### ON BEING A RANCHER:

"We just had a wonderful life. You can survive on a ranch by yourself, if you work at it."

"So you see, my life was good, God has been good to me ... I'm just a ranch woman, I won't go down in history, but I am one of Townsend's and Montana's people."

### LIFE EXPERIENCES

"Life is what you make it. God gave us choices and if you dislike something do it anyhow."